

For your immediate attention
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MEMORANDUM TO GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR

FROM: Buddy Bynum


RE: PRESS REQUEST-New York Times
magazine

This request came through Stuart Stephens via Jim Perry.

Robert Draper is writing a piece for the New York Times Magazine on Valerie Jarrett, Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison. He's interested to know whether you've had interaction with her and your impressions of her in the context of how the Obama Administration is dealing with Governors.

He has requested a phone interview this week.

You may remember Draper as the author of "Dead Certain: The Presidency of George W. Bush" in 2007. He's also written about the McCain campaign. Stuart says he's emerging as, perhaps, the NYT's lead political writer.

Contact: Robert Draper, 

YES, schedule with Kay____

NO____